(c) what steps are being taken by Government to execute such warrants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Yes, Sir. Valid warrants of arrest issued by German Judicial authorities against S/Shri Ashok Kumar Chauhan and Arun Kumar Chauhan, Directors of AMITY International, Ghaziabad, U.P. exist and the INTERPOL has issued Red-Corner-Notice Nos. 453/1990 and 459/1998 respectively at the request of INTERPOL Wiesbaden.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Embassy of Federal Republic of Germany in India at New Delhi has requested for legal assistance in serving documents/ extradition of Ashok Kumar Chauhan and Arun Kumar Chauhan

(c) As per Article 6 of the Extradition Treaty between the Republic of India and the Federal Republic of Germany neither of the Contracting States shall be bound to extradite its own nationals. However, as per the article. criminal prosecution may be effected, in India. Therefore, Ministry of Home Affairs, which is the nodal Ministry in such matters have been requested to proceed in accordance with law.

Dilapidated condition of Gurdwaras in Pakistan

5309. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have brought to the notice of President of Pakistan during his recent visit to this country the dilapidated condition of some Sikh historical Gurdwaras in Pakistan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) The issue of Sikh Gurdwaras was not discussed during the recent visit of President Musharraf to India. India and Pakistan are committed under the para (iii) of the 1974 Bilateral Protocol on Visit to Religious Shrines to continue efforts to ensure that places of religious worship mentioned in the protocol are properly maintained and their sanctity preserved. The Government has raised this matter with the Government of Pakistan from time to time.